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Dr. Jon Burley and Mr. Anthony Bauer
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Dear Dr. Burley and Mr. Bauer:

I apologize for the delay in responding to your request for Utah's regulations governing mining activities. This letter was inadvertently buried and has just again surfaced and was passed on to me for response.

I have enclosed a copy of our minerals mining rules and regulations. We regulate all non-coal mining activities (except sand and gravel) regardless of surface ownership (federal, state or private). A mine disturbing five or less surface acres is considered a small mine and does not require a reclamation plan be filed, nor is a surety bond required for these small operations. Anything over five acres is considered a large mining activity and a reclamation plan and surety bond is required. We coordinate with other state agencies in the permitting process, i.e. Water Quality, Air Quality, etc.

I hope this information is helpful to you. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me.

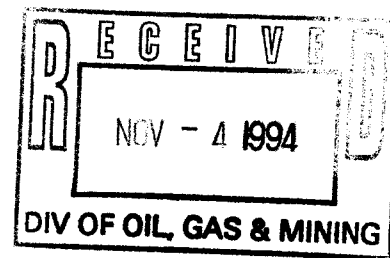
Sincerely,

Joelle Burns
Minerals Secretary

Enclosure



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October 28, 1994

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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Landscape Architecture Program at Michigan State University has proposed to compile a descriptive listing of current state regulations governing surface mine reclamation. A subsequent principal component/clustering ordination would sort the states and provinces into categories to describe general classifications of reclamation regulations. The reference guide would include, at a minimum, available information in the following areas of reclamation:

1. the type of mining regulated;
2. the type of landscape content issues addressed;
3. the type of reclamation planning documents required;
4. agency permitting and approval processes; and
5. post-reclamation bond release requirements.

The results of the study will be considered for presentation at a future national reclamation meeting.

We appreciate your assistance in our endeavor, and anticipate receiving appropriate copies of regulations and reclamation standards from your agency. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our research assistant Deborah Gellar at (517) 353-7880.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Burley".

Dr. Jon Burley, Assistant Professor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony M. Bauer".
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